IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows.

--A method <u>and system</u> for capturing an electronic signature of a user in a Java<u>-</u>based environment on a personal digital assistant. <u>A</u> ~~The method including prompting the~~ user <u>is prompted</u> by an applet operating on the personal digital assistant, handling a canvas by the applet, and capturing an instance of the electronic signature on the canvas. ~~The method further includes encoding by the~~<u>The</u> canvas <u>encodes</u> the instance of the electronic signature in a file and ~~transferring~~ <u>transfers</u> the file by the canvas to the applet. A personal digital assistant <u>may include</u> ~~including~~ a screen sensitive to pressure for capturing a signature and an application adapted to capture <u>and attach</u> the signature ~~and attach the signature~~ to a business object. ~~In the personal digital assistant, the~~ <u>The</u> application <u>may also include</u> ~~further includes~~ an applet adapted to prompt a user and adapted to handle a canvas. The canvas is adapted to capture an instance of the electronic signature and encode the instance in a file. The file is transferred by the canvas to the applet. ~~A computer readable medium including a method for capturing an electronic signature of a user in a java based environment on a personal digital assistant.~~

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